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Memorandum for: Deputy Director/Intelligence

Subject: Liaison with Investigations Subcommittee,
Senate Committee on Government Operations.

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1. [] of ORR, has handed me a copy of the attached memorandum which is a proposed modus operandi with the Counsel of the McCarthy Committee. In effect it provides that where the McCarthy Committee requests classified information the source department will be asked by EDAC to prepare a non-classified document which will reflect the information insofar as possible. Mr. Flanagan, Counsel to the McCarthy Committee, will then be given permission to come to the source agency and within that agency, except for very sensitive matters, will be permitted to review the classified reports to satisfy himself that the non-classified report which has been prepared correctly reflects the situation.

2. Mr. Flanagan was formerly an FBI agent, is probably the best investigator on Capitol Hill, and I have great faith in his integrity. However, I believe that CIA's acquiescence to this procedure would be inadvisable. In the first place, Mr. Flanagan would be bound to report back to the Committee any discrepancies he might find, and he would be bound to request for the use of the Committee any additional information which he saw in the course of his review and which he felt would be pertinent to their investigation.

3. In all probability the greatest portion of the information desired by the Committee will not be culled from CIA materials. It is, therefore, recommended that:

a. We inform EDAC that the proposed agreement is not in accordance with the Director's statutory authorities to protect intelligence sources and methods; and

b. That we will consider any request from EDAC for classified material on an ad hoc basis to determine whether it is of so ^{non}sensitive a nature as to make it possible to show it to Mr. Flanagan.

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